

## DIED AT THE ROPE'S END

### Murderers Taylor and Brown Hanged at Rockville.

Death Was Due to Strangulation  
the Drop From the Scaffold Not  
Being Long Enough to Dislocate  
the Necks of the Doomed Men—A  
Large Crowd Around the Place

Rockville, Md., Aug. 18.—Armstead Taylor and Alfred Brown, colored, were hanged at the jail here this morning for the murder of Louis Rosenstien and his wife Dora, at Sidelit, Md., May 13.

Both men were strangled to death. They mounted the gallows under protest from the priests who accompanied Brown. The confessor then ascended the scaffold at 10:12. Fathers Coleman and Cummins who accompanied Brown, failed to shelter H. G. Thompson, that the drop was not high enough and that the ropes were too clumsy. The sheriff declared that he had done his duty.

When the rope was placed around Taylor's neck he said: "I say, these are my last words. Brown had nothing to do with it. I did the whole job myself. I hope I can give you some more news."

Brown refused say anything except "Lord have mercy on me. The trap was sprung at 10:15 and both men shot down only to be caught under their chins by the jaws of the trap. I saw them both in the noose. Both men jerked and gasped six minutes, being slowly strangled to death. I saw them both die. I saw them both die. Doctor Lithiumum and Stonestreet. Taylor was declared dead at 10:35. The Rev. Howard England and the Rev. Dr. Engle were present."

W. E. Belt, of Chicago, sent the following in despatch to Governor Lowmire after the execution:

"I am sorry to hear that the man, John Sherry responsible for the death of an innocent man. This will be heralded throughout the United States."

The executioner exhibited many symptoms of nervousness but mounted the scaffold firmly and met death with smiles.

The condemned men spent last night very quietly and nothing sensational developed during the hours which were anxiously counted by the death watch. At 7 p. m. Brown asked for a lunch of coffee, bread,

and cantouppe, while Taylor ate steak, fruit, and milk. After the repast, the men were left with their spiritual advisers, who were the Rev. Father Connane, of Rockville; the Rev. Father Coleman, the Rev. Howard England, and the Rev. E. M. Engle.

At about 11 p. m. the men fell into a sound slumber and were quiet until daylight, when they were again joined by their religious advisors and spent the remaining hours in prayer and in singing hymns.

**The Death Watch.**

Both men seemed to be reconciled to the death which was rapidly approaching and

nothing sensational transpired. The few hours of sleep were sound and only the pacing to and fro of the death watch served to break the stillness of the jail.

The watch consisted of B. F. Gaither, William Embrey, Samuel Jones, J. A.

Several crowds of negroes entered the town, but there was no disturbance. It was said, however, that if Governor Lowndes should send a reprieve for Brown, the colored citizens of Rockville

The wife of Brown, who was brought into prominence during the trial, came here last night and endeavored to obtain a pass.

just lighted and endeavored to obtain a pass which might enable her to witness the execution. A new double scaffold was erected and Sheriff H. G. Thompson spent the night at the jail.

William Belt, of Chicago, who formerly owned Brown, arrived in town on a mid-

The occasion was turned into a gala day by the presence of hundreds of fakirs, sin-

crowded around the jail. From early morning until 10 o'clock the crowds continued to pour into the town and when the execution took place nearly 10,000 persons had arrived.

Brown occupied the same cell from which the negro Randolph was taken out and lynched three years ago. Nobody except the sheriff and the death watch were admitted to the jail during the night. Nearly fifty people witnessed the execu-

tion and the jail yard was crowded.

**DEEDS THAT LED TO DEATH.**

**History of the Crimes and Capture  
of the Murderers.**

The crime for which Taylor and Brown were hanged was committed early Saturday morning, May 13, at Slidell, a little settlement in Montgomery county, Md. about two miles north of Boyds. Before

down these men entered the small store kept by Louis Rosenstein. They were discovered and Rosenstein and his wife were fatally wounded. Rosenstein received four severe cuts on the head and sustained wounds on the back.

of the head which caused concussion of the brain. He was found lying behind the counter of his store. Near him was his wife. One of the weapons used was a poker. Medical aid was summoned and the man was removed to a hospital at Duluth.

On the morning of Wednesday May 17 the police of the Seventh precinct located Taylor in a shanty at the foot of Fowler's Hill, Georgetown. Sergeant Fritz Pas-

sau, with a squad, surrounded the place and, accompanied by Policeman Gow, entered. The fugitive sought shelter in a garret, and through a scuttle-hole in the ceiling fired at his pursuers, killing Passau and wounding Gow. Then followed

an exciting siege. Police from all precincts came upon the scene and thousands of citizens found vantage ground on the neighboring hills. The murderer fired repeatedly through cracks in the side of the shanty, and men from behind trees and

encepost poured volleys from shotguns, rifles, and revolvers into the framework of the house. This continued for an hour when the police obtained authority to set fire to the house. As the oil and kindling were being prepared, Taylor surrendered. Probably one hundred shots were

When the announcement was made that Taylor had been captured, wild cheers went up from the crowd that crowned the hill.

tops and hillsides near the scene of the tragedy. A thousand men cried, "Kill him!" "Lynch him!" "Hang him!" "Shoot him!" A hundred hands tore a store of clothesline from poles in a nearby yard and a noose was made at end. When the

police appeared at the door of the house, this was understood to herald the coming of the murderer. The shouting and cheering of the crowd grew louder and more vehement and a vast throng of men surged forward. A fence that stood in the way of the crowd was borne down. When the

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